

BO THE BAT



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Bo the Bat wears a top hat,
rides a bike, and loves to chat.



But when Bo comes near,
children hide in fear.





Bo only wants to have some fun

and Trick-or-Treat, like everyone!

When Bo swoops down to catch a fly,
all the children let out a cry.



Poor Bo just wonders, "Why, oh why?"





Then Bo comes up with a plan.
“I’ll make them love me. I can!”

“Hey children, I know it’s late, but I want to show you that bats are great!”



“We are ‘in fact’ amazing,
so look up and start gazing.”

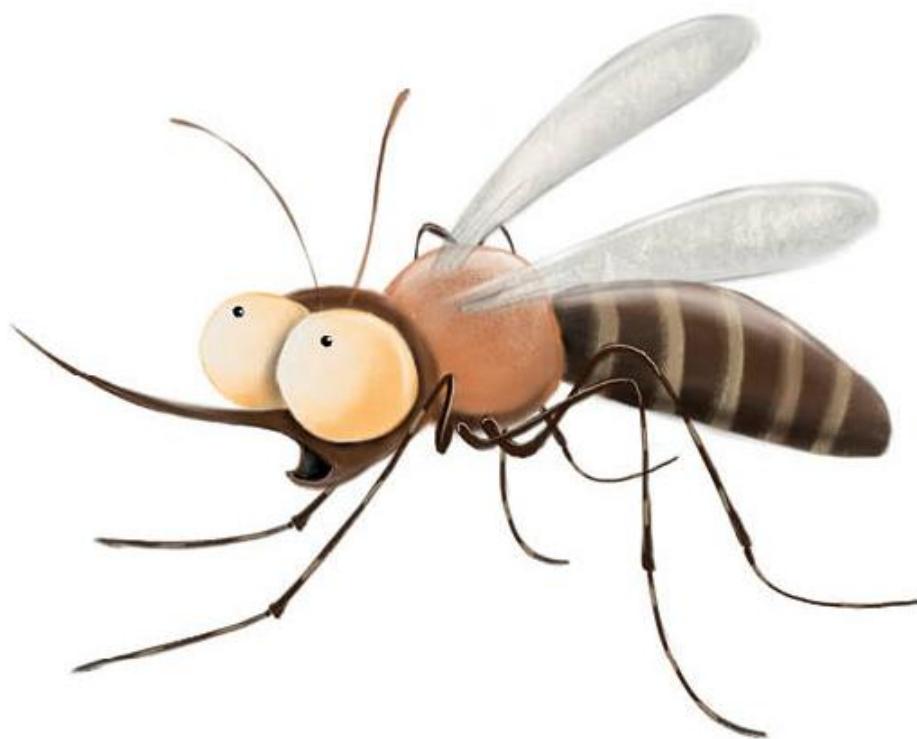


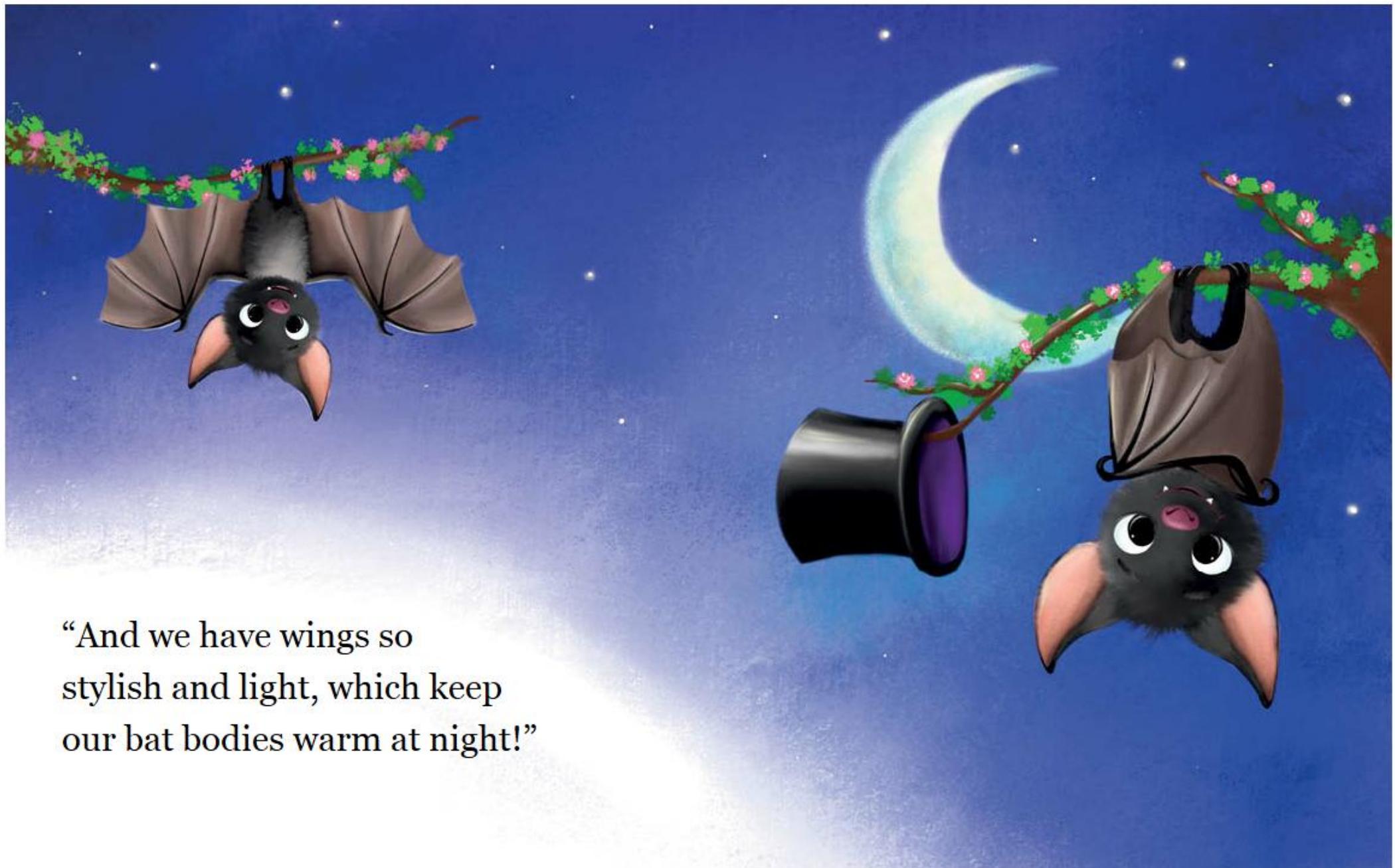
“We can see by bouncing sound off objects
in our way, now that’s pretty cool, wouldn’t
you say?”

“Just like bees, we spread pollen and seeds
to grow the fruits and veggies that you
need!”



“Those bugs that make you itch and scratch?
We can eat a great big batch!”





“And we have wings so
stylish and light, which keep
our bat bodies warm at night!”

“Bats do good things, don’t you see?
So next time you see us, please don’t flee.

Instead consider the bat a friend,
because we deserve respect in the end.”



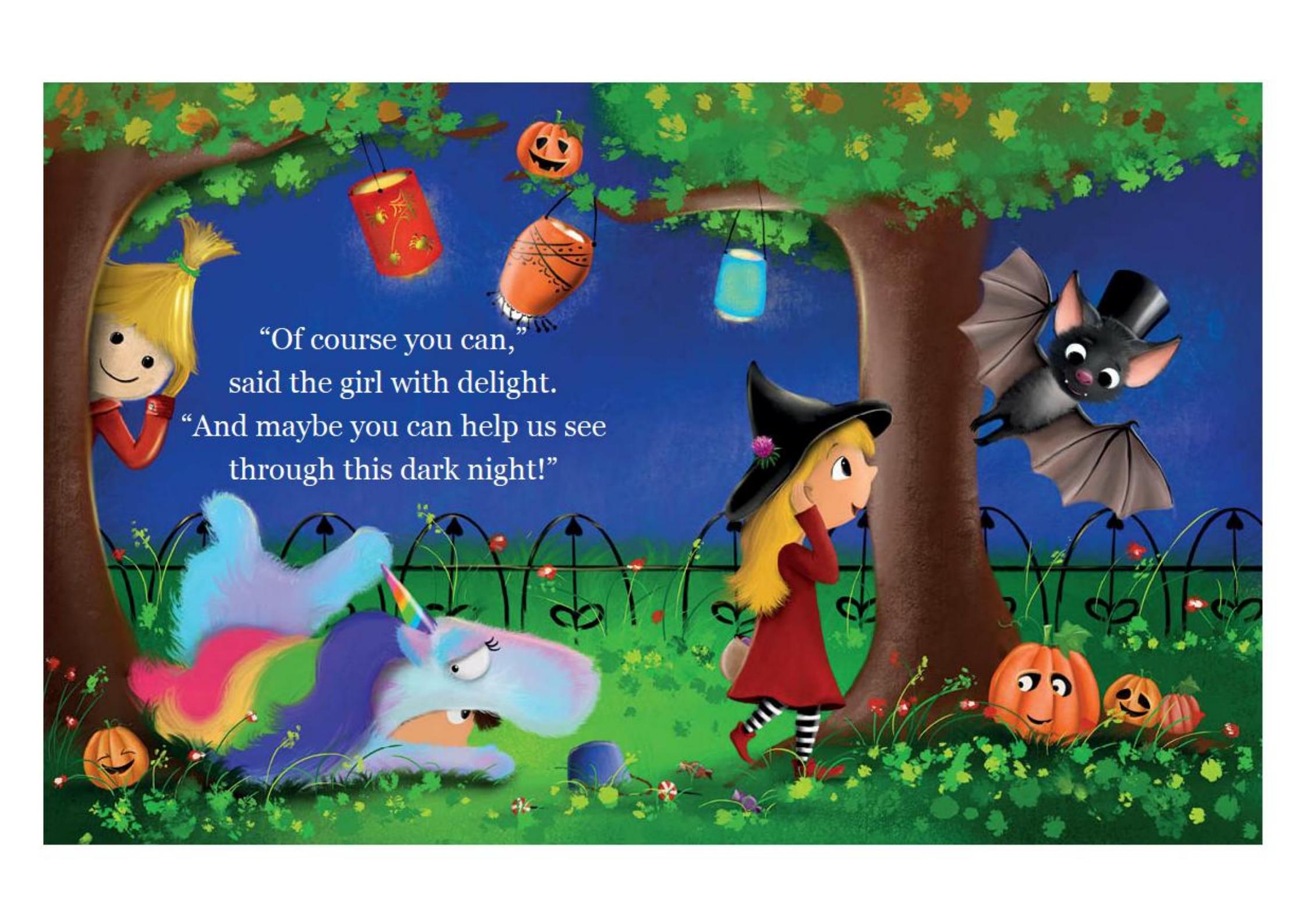
“We had no idea bats were so great”
said a little girl of about eight.

“Thanks so much for setting us straight!”

“My pleasure,” said Bo with a smile.

“Now may I trick-or-treat
with you for a while?”





A whimsical night scene in a garden. A girl with blonde hair tied in a ponytail, wearing a red dress and a black witch's hat, stands next to a large tree. A blue bat with a top hat hangs from a branch. A purple unicorn with a rainbow horn lies on the grass. Several smiling pumpkins are scattered around. A fence with glowing red flowers runs behind the tree. The sky is dark blue.

“Of course you can,”
said the girl with delight.
“And maybe you can help us see
through this dark night!”

FUN BAT FACTS



DEFINITION OF MAMMAL

A mammal is an animal that breathes air and has a backbone and hair. In addition, all female mammals can make milk.

1

Bats are the only mammal that can truly fly.

2

One quarter of all mammals in the world are bats!

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Most bats eat insects, beetles, moths, mosquitos and more. Others eat fruit, fish, and some eat blood.

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Bats can catch 1,200 mosquito-sized insects in one hour.

5

Bats are not blind. However, since it's more difficult to see at night when they are hunting insects, they send out beeps and listen for echoes that bounce back at them to get around.

6

Less than half a percent of bats ever get rabies. However, you should never touch wildlife, and if you do, tell an adult.



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